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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Accident Statistics for Headquarters Area, 1957

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Attached is the annual report of accident statistics for the Headquarters area during 1957. This report has heretofore been compiled and submitted quarterly but in the interest of economy, it will henceforth be prepared and submitted annually.
3. The report discloses that the Agency frequency rate decreased from 3.45 in 1956 to 2.91 in 1957. This is slightly higher than, but compares favorably with, the National Safety Council rate for 1954, which is the latest available figure. The Agency frequency rate for 1957 is considerably lower than the Government frequency rate for 1956, which also is the latest figure available for comparison.
4. The Agency severity rate for 1957 was 22.46 which was an increase over the severity rate of 18.99 in 1956. It is extremely lower than the Government and National Safety Council rates for 1956 and 1954 respectively, also the latest figures available, but any comparison in this regard is unrealistic because the severity rates of different Government agencies vary in extreme degrees.
5. The majority of time lost through accidents during 1957 was caused by falls and by the amputation of an employee's fingers in a paper cutter. Cuts and abrasions from minor accidents, falls and careless handling of safes and office equipment were the major contributors to first-aid accidents.

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6. Copies of this report are being sent to the Medical Staff and to the Benefits and Casualty Division, Office of Personnel for their information.

SIGNED

**Sheffield Edwards**  
**Director of Security**

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**Subject Report**

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